

**HEARTLESS FOLK
WAGE WICKED WAR**

VANDALS DESTROY CEMETERY
PROPERTY

III Feeling of Limited Few Seems To Have Crystallized Into Criminal Conduct at Coralville

Unknown vandals, following the dedication of the new Oak Hill cemetery at Coralville, committed sacrilege and destruction on that beautiful tract last night, by laying waste the fence and cutting down the evergreens.

Officers Summoned
Sheriff Rowland and County Attorney McDonald were summoned to the scene of the wrong doing this morning and are now investigating the circumstantial evidence, in the hope of capturing the guilty persons.

Trailing Tracks

Tracks have been followed to a near by slough, and an effort is making now to follow them from that point to the destination of the marauders.

Mayor Ed Koser, in the name of the town, has offered a reward of \$50 for the detection of the vandals, and George S Carson, who donated the three acres as a site for the cemetery, has offered a similar reward.

Great Damage Done
The destruction of the fencing includes about 20 rods on the south side of the cemetery, and 25 rods, on the east side.

The trees, still small, were backed down, close to the ground, by a hatchet full of nicks. The officers are trying to identify the weapon—though it was not left behind by the marauders.

The whole town of Coralville, with few exceptions, signed a document thanking Mr Carson for his public spirited gift—and his other donations of money, to help pay for the removal of the bodies from graves.

This left only few opponents to change to the new cemetery, but bitterness amongst the few was treme.

Immediate Restoration

Mayor Koser and Mr. Carson
nounce that the crime will not
vent immediate action on their p
and on the part of the town.

The work of restoration will be begun at once. The evergreens will be replanted and the woven wire fence replaced, where the criminals wrought havoc and ruin, as they skulked to the darkness.

Discovery at Morn
The discovery of the sacrilege made about 7 o'clock, this morning by William Reed and John Fraholz, who chanced to be driving. Nobody had seen the cemetery—except the guilty ones—since 6 o'clock the night before.

Deputy Sheriff Harry Rowland
Deputy Scott Wilson joined the
of clue-hunters this afternoon,
are now working on the ground,
fully.

County attorney as Detective McDonald some good detective work and took the fingerprints up the river a mile a half. He lost them in a pasture lately.

Axe or Hatchet?

The man or men who left the etery after the act of desecration have carried an axe instead of a hatchet, as at first supposed, for it is an imprint here and there, the fugitive had used the weapon as a cane, the bade resting in the ground here and there, leaving a very good mark.

Under the law, the perpetrator of the outrage is punishable by imprisonment (in the county jail). It is not a felony and a petty sentence is impossible.